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## PROCEEDINGS.

DECEMBER, 1900.

THE thirty-sixth meeting of the Society was held, in connection with several other philological societies, in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 28 and 29, 1900. At the first session of the Society, on Thursday, at 10 A.M., President Peters was in the chair. The members of the American Oriental Society having courteously adjourned their session in order to listen to the address of our President, it was voted to postpone business until after that address.

Dr. Peters then gave his address on "The Religion of Moses."

The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report and the financial statement of the Recording Secretary were read and referred to Messrs. Denio and Montgomery as an Auditing Committee. Messrs. Thayer, Schmidt, and Wright were appointed a Committee to nominate officers for the coming year. Professor Paton reported for the Publishing Committee. The Recording Secretary read his annual report. The President called on the members present for any papers or notes not on the programme. The Recording Secretary read "Suggestions on Hebrew Metres." This was discussed by Messrs. Paton, Thayer, Ropes, Denio, and Peters.

The members were cordially invited to a lunch provided on Thursday and also on Friday for the affiliated Societies, to the Thursday evening session of the American Philological Association, and to the Friday evening session of the Modern Language Association.

Voted to adjourn the special session until Friday morning, at 9.30.

**Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 27.** — The Society met at 2.30 in joint session with the six affiliated Societies, in the chapel of the University. The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was represented by Professor Moore, who read on "Some Oriental Sources of the Alexander Myth."

**Friday, Dec. 28.** — Met at 10 A.M., the members of the American Oriental Society being again present. In the absence of both President and Vice-President, Professor Moore was chosen to preside *pro tempore*. Professor T. F. Wright read on "A Symbolic Figure of the Queen of Heaven." Discussed by Professor Barton. President Peters arrived and took the chair. Professor Paton read on "The Problem of the Patriarchs." Professor Haupt read on "Corrective Interpolations in the Book of Proverbs." Discussed by Professor Paton. Professor Barton read on "West Semitic Deities with Compound Names." Discussed by Professors Thayer and Paton. Professor Kelso read on El Elyon. Professor Driscoll read a note on Luke 2<sup>32</sup>. Discussed by Professor Ropes.

The Council reported that they had reëlected Prof. Lewis B. Paton as Corresponding Secretary, and Prof. James H. Ropes and Rev. William H. Cobb as additional members of the Publishing Committee.

On nomination of the Council, the following new members were elected :

Prof. James A. Kelso, Ph.D.,	Western Theol. Sem., Allegheny, Pa.
Prof. Fulton J. Coffin, Ph.D.,	Bible Normal College, Springfield, Mass.
Prof. Charles F. Sitterly, S.T.D.,	Drew Theol. Sem., Madison, N.J.
Rev. Edgar J. Goodspeed, Ph.D.,	Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Frederick Lent, A.B.,	Brown Univ., Providence, R.I.
Rev. William P. Armstrong, Jr.,	Princeton Theol. Sem., Princeton, N.J.
Rev. Henry C. Meserve,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. A. D. Heffern,	5000 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. A. Kingsley Glover,	Wells, Minn.
Rev. G. A. Carnstensen,	10 E. 47th St., N.Y. City.
Rev. Charles S. Thayer,	334 Washington St., Providence, R.I.
Prof. Walter R. Betteridge,	Rochester Theol. Sem., Rochester, N.Y.
Prof. James Francis Driscoll,	St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, N.Y.

Professor Denio, for the Auditing Committee, reported that the Treasurer's account and the financial statement of the Recording Secretary were correct and properly vouched. The report was accepted. Professor Thayer reported for the Committee on Nominations, and the report was accepted and adopted, the following officers being elected :

Prof. Edward Y. Hincks,	<i>President.</i>
Prof. Benjamin W. Bacon,	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Rev. William H. Cobb,	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Prof. Willis J. Beecher,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

Prof. Lewis B. Paton,	}	<i>Associates in Council.</i>
Prof. George A. Barton,		
Dr. William H. Ward,		
Prof. Richard J. H. Gottheil,		
Prof. Ernest D. Burton,		

Voted that the hearty thanks of the Society be returned to the Provost and Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, and to the local Committee of Arrangements, for the hospitable accommodations and the liberal entertainment, which have been provided for this meeting.

Adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

**Friday Afternoon, Dec. 28.** — Met at 2.40. On nomination of the Council, the following new members were elected :

Prof. J. A. Singmaster, D.D.,	Theol. Sem., Gettysburg, Pa.
Rev. Ernst P. H. Pfatteicher, Ph.D.,	Lebanon, Pa.
Rev. T. C. Foote,	Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md.
Rev. James B. Nies, Ph.D.,	The Margaret, Columbia Heights, Brook- lyn, N.Y.

The Council proposed the following amendments to the Constitution :

*Section 3.* Omit the words "all ex-Presidents of the Society, and."

*Section 7* [a new section]. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of the Society, on recommendation of the Council, such amendment having been proposed at a previous meeting, and notice of the same having been sent to the members of the Society.

It was voted that these amendments be received and lie over for a year.

Professor Haupt then read "On the Hebrew phrase **יָתֵן רֹאשׁ**."

Professor A. V. W. Jackson exhibited and explained "A Persian Lacquer Painting representing the Last Judgment." Remarks followed by Messrs. Gottheil, Paton, Peters, Wright, and Moore.

At 3.30 Professor Thayer presented the final report of the Committee on an American School of Oriental Research in Palestine.

The Committee appointed by this Society in 1896 to "carry into operation" the plan for establishing a School for Oriental Study and Research in Palestine beg leave to present their report.

The plan which, in the form of a series of resolutions, received at that time the approval of this Society, has since been printed and circulated as its Constitution, a copy of which is here subjoined :

# CONSTITUTION

## OF

### THE AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR ORIENTAL STUDY AND RESEARCH IN PALESTINE.

*(As contained in a Series of Resolutions passed by the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in 1896.)*

1. The School for Oriental Study and Research, under the auspices of this Society, shall be established in Palestine, at such place as the contributors to its support may determine.

2. The main object of said School shall be to enable properly qualified persons to prosecute Biblical, linguistic, archæological, historical, and other kindred studies and researches under more favorable conditions than can be secured at a distance from the Holy Land.

3. The School shall be open to duly qualified applicants of all races and both sexes, and shall be kept wholly free from obligations or preferences as respects any religious denomination or literary institution.

4. The management of the School in this country shall be entrusted to a Board consisting of five members of this Society, to be elected annually by the votes of such institutions and individuals as shall contribute each not less than one hundred dollars a year towards the maintenance of the School. This Board of Managers shall choose their own officers, shall have charge of all money contributed for the use of the School, shall appoint its Directors (subject to the approval of the Board of Councillors, as hereinafter provided for) and fix their salaries, shall act on applications for membership of the School, shall assign any fellowships that may be founded, and shall make an annual report of their doings in writing to this Society. They shall meet in connection with the annual meetings of this Society, and at such other times as their chairman may appoint.<sup>1</sup>

5. The public interests of the School shall be confided to a Board of fifty Councillors, who shall be chosen by this Society at its annual meeting, and shall include, besides the representatives of the institutions contributing to the maintenance of the School, such other persons as are willing to become its patrons or benefactors.

Radical changes in the constitution or the management of the School shall be communicated to this Board previously to their adoption, and the names of persons nominated as its directors shall be submitted to it for approval.

6. The operations of the School in Palestine shall be placed in charge of a Resident Director and of one or more Associate Directors. It shall be the duty of the Resident Director to provide for the School's local accommodations and

<sup>1</sup> N.B. — *By virtue of an alliance between the School and the Archæological Institute of America, which was ratified by the Society on Dec. 28, 1898, the President of the Institute becomes ex officio a member of the Managing Committee of the School, and the Chairman of the Managing Committee of the School an ex-officio member of the Council of the Institute; the Institute guarantees the School an annual subsidy; and the School gives the Journal of the Institute a prior claim to such material produced by the School or its explorations as is of a distinctly archæological and non-Biblical character.*

needs, and to take the oversight of all archaeological journeys and explorations. It shall be the duty of the Associate Director (or Directors) to supervise the literary work of the School, to give instruction at discretion, to direct and aid students in their studies and researches, and see that the results of their work are embodied, so far as possible, in theses, which, with his approval and that of the Publishing Committee, may be published in the JOURNAL of this Society.<sup>1</sup> Each Director shall annually make a written report to the Board of Managers of the work accomplished by the School.

7. It is expedient that fellowships be established in connection with the School, said fellowships to be awarded on examination, and held for at least two years; in order that, by preliminary study and by the inspection of the European museums, the work at the School by the holders may be more effective.

8. The following regulations respecting students were provisionally adopted :

*a.* Persons wishing to become members of the School must make application to the Board of Managers. They will be expected to be Masters of Arts or Bachelors of Divinity of the coöperating colleges and seminaries, or to have made attainments equivalent to those represented by the above-named degrees in recognized institutions. Some knowledge of Hebrew and Arabic is especially desirable.

*b.* The members of the School will be subject to no charge for instruction, but must provide for all their personal expenses. They will be expected to spend from the 1st of October to the 1st of June in Palestine, and are urgently advised to devote as much time as possible beforehand to special preparation for their work in the School.

*c.* Residents or travellers in Palestine who are not regular members of the School may, at the discretion of the Directors, be enrolled as special students and enjoy the privileges of the School.

*d.* No communication of any sort relative to the School, its members, its work, or its interests, shall be made to the public press by any one connected with the School without having been previously submitted to the Directors and been authorized by them.

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After a delay of years, which was principally due to lack of funds, the project was carried into effect by the choice of Prof. C. C. Torrey, Ph.D., D.D., of Yale University, as the first Director. Professor Torrey left this country last midsummer for Constantinople, in order to secure there the permit requisite for the orderly establishment of the School at Jerusalem. He was provided in the Society's name with a formal diploma of authentication, which was countersigned by the President of the Archæological Institute of America, under the seal of that organization. He was also fortified with the assurance from the State Department at Washington that our minister at Constantinople would be requested to commend the enterprise to the kindly offices of the Ottoman Government, when the delicate negotiations with that government which were then pending should open the way. After several weeks' delay, he was informed by the head of the imperial Museum that the desired firman would ultimately be granted, and leaving the necessary documents in charge of the U.S. Legation, which promised its intervention at the proper opportunity, he betook himself to Jerusalem, where the

<sup>1</sup> See footnote on facing page.

U.S. Consul, Dr. Selah Merrill, a former member of this Society and of the American Oriental Society, had been previously requested to secure provisional quarters for the School, or "Institute," as the Turkish authorities prefer to call it. No suitable accommodations having presented themselves, the School is temporarily located in a large room, formerly occupied by Messrs. Bliss and Macalister of the English Palestine Exploration Fund, in the "Grand New Hotel," so named.

The nucleus of a working library for the School was sent to Jerusalem from this country many months ago, and Dr. Torrey was empowered to make, on his way through Europe, further purchases of books to the amount of \$500.

The responses to appeals for funds which have been made by the Committee on behalf of the School have been rather disappointingly meagre, although their constant and widespread efforts may perhaps be regarded in part as seed-sowing, from which some harvest may be reaped hereafter. The Archæological Institute has generously granted the School a subsidy of \$500 for the current year, and contributions from many other sources which in no single instance have exceeded that amount, have augmented the deposits to about \$2000, independently of the annual subscriptions (of "at least \$100 each") from the coöperating Colleges and Schools.

These institutions, which number twenty-one, are the following :

ANDOVER,	HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
AUBURN,	HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, CINCIN-
BOSTON UNIVERSITY,	NATI,
BROWN UNIVERSITY,	JOHNS HOPKINS,
BRYN MAWR,	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY,
COLGATE,	PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY,
COLUMBIA,	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY,
CORNELL,	PRINCETON SEMINARY,
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF CAMBRIDGE,	TRINITY, HARTFORD,
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF PHILADEL-	UNION SEMINARY, NEW YORK,
PHIA,	YALE UNIVERSITY.
GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	
OF NEW YORK,	

Experience has thoroughly satisfied your Committee that an income adequate to the efficiency of the School is not likely to be secured by any other method than *direct personal solicitation* on the part of those interested in its success. They accordingly earnestly request all present to make at once some effort on its behalf.

The desirableness of undertaking excavation is too obvious to be forgotten. A clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, a graduate and Doctor of Philosophy of Columbia, Rev. James B. Nies of Brooklyn, became so interested in this branch of the scheme that, after spending nearly two years in Palestine, he has volunteered, and been authorized, to solicit funds for beginning such work at the site of the ancient city of Samaria, for which a firman has already been asked of the Turkish Government. The antiquity and varied history of that city render it an especially promising locality for such an undertaking. The sum needed for its *thorough* accomplishment is roughly estimated at \$50,000. The attention of public-spirited persons of wealth should be called at once to this attractive object.

Your Committee having thus performed the task assigned them now tender their resignation and beg to be discharged.

J. HENRY THAYER,  
THEODORE F. WRIGHT,  
H. G. MITCHELL,  
WILLIAM HAYES WARD,  
JOHN P. PETERS.

PHILADELPHIA, *Dec. 27, 1900.*

On motion of Professor Moore, it was unanimously voted that the report be accepted and that the Committee be discharged with a hearty vote of thanks for their very zealous and efficient service. A long and interesting discussion followed, in which Professor Thayer, Prof. T. F. Wright, Dr. James B. Nies, Dr. H. T. Clay, and Dr. Peters took part.

It was then voted that representatives of the following institutions :

Andover Theological Seminary,	General Theological Seminary, New
Auburn Theological Seminary,	York City,
Boston University,	Harvard University,
Brown University,	Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati,
Bryn Mawr College,	Johns Hopkins, Baltimore,
Colgate University,	University of the City of New York,
Columbia University,	University of Pennsylvania,
Cornell University,	Princeton University,
The Episcopal Theological School, Cam-	Princeton Theological Seminary,
bridge,	Trinity College, Hartford;
The Episcopal Divinity School, Phila-	Union Theological Seminary,
delphia,	Yale University,

together with the following individuals :

President James B. Angell, D.D.,	Ann Arbor, Mich.;
President Daniel C. Gilman,	Baltimore, Md.;
President William F. Warren,	Boston, Mass.;
Dean George Hodges,	Cambridge, Mass.;
M. Taylor Pyne, Esq.,	Princeton, N.J.;
T. Jefferson Coolidge,	Boston, Mass.;
James C. Carter, Esq.,	New York, N.Y.;
James Loeb, Esq.,	New York, N.Y.;
Jacob H. Schiff, Esq.,	New York, N.Y.;
Rev. Edward S. Rousmaniere,	Providence, R.I.;
Miss Corliss,	Providence, R.I.;
Provost C. C. Harrison,	Philadelphia, Pa.;
J. Pierpont Morgan,	New York, N.Y.;

be a Board of Councillors, to whom the public interests of the School shall be confided.



It was voted that a Committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Palestinian School. The Chair appointed Professors Ropes and Barton. Professor Ropes subsequently reported that the accounts were correct and properly vouched.

At 4.30 the Society adjourned.

WILLIAM H. COBB,

*Recording Secretary.*

**Members in Attendance.** — Messrs. Barton, Buttz, Cobb, Denio, Driscoll, Ewell, Foote, Gottheil, Haupt, A. V. W. Jackson, Morris Jastrow, Kelso, Kent, Montgomery, G. F. Moore, Neely, Paton, Peters, Platner, Reynolds, E. W. Rice, Robinson, Rogers, J. H. Ropes, J. R. Smith, Thayer, Walker, Ward, M. H. Williams, Wolf, T. F. Wright.

# REPORT

OF

## FUNDS IN HANDS OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

### Receipts.

Balance, last Report . . . . .	\$132 86
Sales of Journal . . . . .	202 85
Annual dues of Recording Secretary . . . . .	3 00
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	\$338 71
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### Disbursements.

1900.	
Jan. 9, Printing circulars . . . . .	\$4 25
“ 26, Berwick & Smith, Journal of 1899 (2 bills) . . . . .	89 30
July 10, Jordan, Lovett & Co., Insurance . . . . .	25 50
“ 11, Distributing Journal of 1900, Part I. . . . .	13 00
Aug. 18, Berwick & Smith, Journal of 1900, Part I. . . . .	36 39
Oct. 16, “ “ “ Offprints . . . . .	15 63
Sept. 24, Bridgeport Check protested, \$16.75; fees on same, \$2.85 . . . . .	19 60
Dec. 20, Postage and expressage for the year . . . . .	8 50
Balance in Bank of the Republic, Boston . . . . .	126 54
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	\$338 71
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[*Copy.* I have examined and found these accounts to be correctly computed and properly vouched.

F. B. DENIO,  
*Auditor.*]

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
THE TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE  
AND EXEGESIS,

*December 28, 1899, to December 24, 1900.*

**Receipts.**

Balance in Bank, Dec. 28, 1899 . . . . .	\$530 31
INCOME:	
Initiation dues . . . . .	\$55 00
Annual dues . . . . .	603 40
Interest on deposits . . . . .	13 21
	<hr/> 671 61
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$1201 92 <hr/>

**Disbursements.**

Expenses of Corresponding Secretary . . . . .	\$25 02
“ “ Recording Secretary . . . . .	15 00
Janitor Columbia University, and P.O. order . . . . .	1 05
Postage for Treasurer . . . . .	9 00
Collections on checks . . . . .	3 50
Bill of Cushing & Co. for Journal XVIII. . . . .	620 00
“ “ Tuttle, Morehouse & Co. . . . .	131 70
“ “ Cushing & Co., Journal XIX., Pt. I . . . . .	217 55
Cash in Bank, Dec. 24, 1900 . . . . .	179 10
	<hr/> \$1201 92 <hr/>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS J. BEECHER, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found to be correctly computed and properly vouched.

F. B. DENIO, *Auditor.*

